

## CHAPTER 268

## GUARDIANS OF MINORS

H. F. 83

AN ACT to amend section six hundred sixty-eight point thirty-two (668.32), Code 1954, relating to guardians for minors.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred sixty-eight point thirty-two  
2 (668.32), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking from line three  
3 (3) the word "or" and inserting after "person of unsound mind,"  
4 in line three (3) the words "or person under voluntary guardian-  
5 ship".

Approved May 17, 1955.

## CHAPTER 269

## FOREIGN GUARDIANS

H. F. 84

AN ACT to amend section six hundred sixty-nine point one (669.1), Code 1954, relating to foreign guardians.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred sixty-nine point one (669.1), Code  
2 1954, is hereby amended by striking from line two (2) the word "or"  
3 and inserting after "person of unsound mind" in line three (3) the  
4 words "or person under voluntary guardianship".

Approved May 17, 1955.

## CHAPTER 270

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT STATISTICIAN

H. F. 349

AN ACT relating to compilation and analysis of statistics relating to the judicial system of the state, and the appointment of a statistician of the judicial department.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the office of the clerk  
2 of the supreme court the position of statistician of the judicial de-  
3 partment. The statistician shall be appointed by the supreme court  
4 and shall hold office at the pleasure of such court.

1 SEC. 2. The statistician, with the approval of the supreme court,  
2 shall appoint such assistants as are necessary to enable him to perform  
3 the powers and duties vested in him. While holding such position,  
4 neither the statistician nor his assistants shall practice law in any  
5 of the courts of this state.

1 SEC. 3. The personnel director shall fix the compensation of the  
2 statistician and his assistants as provided for in chapter eight (8),  
3 Code 1954, and provided further, that after June 30, 1957, funds for  
4 the operation and expenses of the court statistician and his staff shall  
5 be handled as now provided for by law.

1 SEC. 4. Under the direction of the supreme court the statistician  
2 shall:

3 1. Collect and compile statistical and other data and make reports  
4 relating to the business transacted by the courts;

5 2. Collect statistical and other data and make reports relating to  
6 the expenditure of moneys for the maintenance and operation of the  
7 judicial system and the offices connected therewith;

8 3. Obtain reports from clerks of court, judges, justices of the peace,  
9 mayors, and magistrates, in accordance with law, or rules prescribed  
10 by the supreme court as to cases and other judicial business in which  
11 action has been delayed beyond periods of time specified by law or  
12 such rules, and make report thereof;

13 4. Examine the state of the dockets of the courts and determine  
14 the need for assistance by any courts;

15 5. Make reports concerning the overloading and underloading  
16 of particular courts;

17 6. Make recommendations relating to the assignment of judges  
18 where courts are in need of assistance;

19 7. Examine the administrative methods employed in the offices of  
20 clerks of courts, probation officers, and sheriffs, and make recom-  
21 mendations regarding the improvement of same;

22 8. Formulate recommendations for the improvement of the judicial  
23 system with reference to the structure of the system of courts, their  
24 organization, their methods of operation, the functions which should  
25 be performed by various courts, the selection, compensation, number,  
26 and tenure of judges and court officials, and as to such other matters  
27 as the chief justice and the supreme court may direct; and

28 9. Attend to such other matters as may be assigned by the chief  
29 justice and the supreme court.

1 SEC. 5. The judges, justices of the peace, mayors, magistrates,  
2 reporters, clerks of court, probation officers, sheriffs, and all other  
3 officers, state and local, shall comply with all requirements made by  
4 the statistician or his assistants for information and statistical data  
5 bearing on the state of the dockets of the courts, the progress of court  
6 business, and such other information as may reflect the business  
7 transacted by them and the expenditure of moneys for the mainte-  
8 nance and operation of the judicial system.

1 SEC. 6. The provisions of this act apply to the following courts:  
2 Supreme court, district court, superior court, municipal court, police  
3 court, justice of the peace court, mayor's court, and all other courts,  
4 state and local, which may be established from time to time. Pro-  
5 vided however that the fees established for municipal and superior  
6 courts shall be one-half of those fees established for district courts  
7 prior to the passage of this act.

1 SEC. 7. Amend section six hundred six point fifteen (606.15),  
2 Code 1954, by striking therefrom lines one (1) to eleven (11), in-

3 clusive, and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "The clerk of  
4 the district court shall charge and collect the following fees, all of  
5 which shall be paid into the county treasury for the use of the county  
6 except as indicated:

7 "1. For filing any petition, appeal, or writ of error and docketing  
8 the same, four dollars (\$4.00). Three dollars (\$3.00) of such fee  
9 shall remain in the county treasury for the use of the county, and one  
10 dollar (\$1.00) of such fee shall be paid into the state treasury in a  
11 fund to be known as the judicial statistics fund. No part of the ex-  
12 pense of the statistician shall be paid out of any fund in the state  
13 treasury except the judicial statistics fund. Withdrawals therefrom  
14 shall be by warrant of the state comptroller upon requisition by the  
15 statistician approved by the presiding judge of the supreme court, and  
16 any balance remaining at the end of a biennium shall revert to the  
17 general fund. In counties having a population of one hundred thou-  
18 sand (100,000) or over, an additional one dollar (\$1.00) shall be  
19 charged and collected, to be known as the journal publication fee and  
20 to be used for the purposes provided for in section six hundred eighteen  
21 point thirteen (618.13) of the Code."

1 SEC. 8. The supreme court shall, on or before January 15, 1959,  
2 report to the general assembly their findings and recommendations  
3 based on the provisions of this act. Such recommendations shall in-  
4 clude a comprehensive plan for reorganization of the district courts  
5 of Iowa.

Approved May 16, 1955.

## CHAPTER 271

### TOY PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION

H. F. 296

AN ACT to amend sections six hundred ninety-five point twenty-six (695.26) and  
six hundred ninety-five point twenty-seven (695.27), Code 1954, relating to sale  
of toy pistols and toy revolvers and caps for use in the same.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred ninety-five point twenty-six  
2 (695.26), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking from line three  
3 (3) the words ", revolver, or toy pistol" and inserting in lieu thereof  
4 the words "or revolver".

1 SEC. 2. Section six hundred ninety-five point twenty-seven  
2 (695.27), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking from lines two  
3 (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) the words "toy pistols, toy  
4 revolvers, caps containing dynamite,".

Approved May 6, 1955.